Workshop on Integrating Tribal Perspectives with Western Science Perspectives Hosted By Northern Arizona University, Center For Sustainable Environments, April 18-19, 2005, Flagstaff, Arizona

PARTICIPANTS

- Hualapai Tribe: Mrs. Loretta Jackson-Kelly, Dr. Kerry Christensen, Dr. Deborah Kennedy (consultant), Dr. Art Phillips (consultant)
- Southern Paiute Consortium: Mrs. Brenda Drye, Ms. Nina Snow, Dr. Diane Austin (consultant)
- Hopi Tribe: Mr. Michael Yeatts
- GCRMC: Ms. Helen Fairley
- NAU: Dr. Gary Nabhan, Mr. David Seibert (facilitators)
- Pueblo of Zuni and Navajo Nation were invited but did not attend

PRINCIPLE WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE

GCMRC and Tribes to discuss and clarify mutual perspectives: re AMP science and monitoring objectives, identify areas of common interest, and define topics requiring additional discussion.

PRINCIPLE WORKSHOP TOPICS

Introductions/workshop purpose

- AMP goals and objectives re: tribal participation.
- GCMRC mission within the AMP (western science focus).
- Tribal perspectives re: why tribes are participating in the AMP.
- Discussion of tribal science collaborations in other settings (success stories).

GCD-AMP Tribal Monitoring Programs: Assumptions and Desired Outcomes Assumptions:

- GCD-AMP supports continuation of tribal monitoring programs and recognizes need for tribespecific resource monitoring.
- GCD-AMP is willing to accommodate non-western and non-scientific perspectives.
- GCD-AMP wants feedback from tribes about their monitoring results.

Desired Outcomes

- Need for linking tribal interests with AMP interests (specifically, for information about how dam operations affect resources and what to do about those effects)
- Need for linking monitoring approaches to specific values at risk from dam operations
- Need for AMP to recognize tribal interests in monitoring resources that are of specific concern to each tribe (e.g., proprietary knowledge issues, integration of natural/cultural values, tribal interests in scientific capacity building, importance of maintaining youth connections to traditions, cross-generational knowledge transfer, tribal outreach, visiting sacred sites, evaluating terrestrial resources that are valued by the tribes.)
- Need for AMP to recognize unique cultural traditions, perspectives, values and interests of each tribe and acknowledge that TRIBAL perspectives and values are diverse!

History and rationales of current tribal monitoring programs

- Hualapai
- Southern Paiute
- Hopi

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Next steps

- Host a follow-up workshop (one day) that includes the other tribes, plus other federal agency representatives (NPS, BOR, BIA).
- Tribes to prepare position papers articulating their interests and concerns re: 1) value and benefits of tribes' holistic approaches to monitoring, 2) importance of terrestrial ecosystem monitoring for tribes, 3) value and importance of tribal outreach programs.
- Nabhan and others to present workshop outcomes to TWG and facilitate TWG discussion re: Tribes' positions & interests in the Adaptive Management Program, then have TWG bring discussion outcomes forward to AMWG for concurrence.